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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following sections are being submitted for this Information
Disclosure Statement:

1. [X] Preliminary Statements
2. [X] FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. [X] Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents
or Publications
4. [X] Identification of Prior Application in Which
Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which
No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. [X] Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying
this Statement
6. [X] Identification of Person(s) Making this
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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

☒ A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

☐ No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form PTO-1449)

Applicants are aware that in the past, a sheet of material has been placed about a flower pot and then an elastic band placed around the sheet of material about the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned about the outer periphery of the pot with the sheet of material positioned between the band and the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned above the upper end of the pot, thereby causing a portion of the sheet of material to be forced inwardly over the upper end of the pot.

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/449,319, filed on May 30, 2003.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☐ This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

Section 5. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

Section 6. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

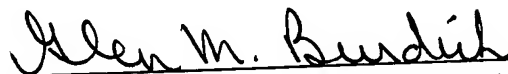
The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

☐ supplied by the inventor(s)

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	AE	1	6	1	0	6	5	2	12/14/1926	Bouchard			
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	AM	2	1	5	2	6	4	8	04/04/1939	Jones	47	34	
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	BS	4	6	2	1	7	3	3	11/11/1986	Harris	206	423	
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	DK	9	8	5	2	0	4	8	04/09/1998	Australia			X	
EXA M INIT.		OTHER MATERIALS <i>(Including, Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication. **)</i>												
	DL	"Target Halloween Sales With Highlander", Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, 1992.												
	DM	"Speed Sheets and Speed Rolls", Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, 1991, 2 pages.												
	DN	"The Simple Solution For Those Peak Volume Periods", Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, 1989, 6 pages.												
	DO	"Cellocoup - It's A Wrap", The John Henry Company, 1992, 4 pages.												
	DP	"A World Of Cut Flower And Pot Plant Packaging", Brochure, Klerk's Plastic Products Manufacturing, Inc., date unknown, 6 pages. Applicant admits that the products described in this brochure have been on sale at least more than one year prior to the filing of the present patent application.												
	DQ	"Color Them Happy with Highlander Products", ©1992, 2 pages.												
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